GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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LPG AGENCIES TO WOMEN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): whether various oil companies undertook a drive to allot distributorship of LPG to women in various districts in the country;

(b): if so, the total number of women allotted distributorship of LPG and number of SC/ST out of them so far; and

(c): the steps taken by the Government to allot more distributorships at those places where distributors are unable to made adequate supply of LPG due to increase in the population?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)&(b): As per the existing policy reservation for different categories in the allotment of dealerships/distributorships allotted through normal selection procedure of advertisement of the locations and selection by the Dealer Selection Boards is provided as under:-

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Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (SC/ST) - 25%
Physically Handicapped (PH)   - 5%
Paramilitary/Police/Government Personnel(PMP) - 8%
Defence Personnel(DC)    - 8%
Freedom Fighters(FF)    - 2%
Outstanding Sportspersons (OSP)   - 2%
Open(O)      - 50%
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Also, 33% of the dealerships/distributorships in each category mentioned above are reserved for Women belonging to that category. Accordingly in the marketing plan 1996-98 703 LPG distributorships are reservedfor Women in different categories. 541 LPG distributorships are reserved for SC/ST category.

(c): To meet the increased demand of LPG, more LPG distributorships are opened, opening of extension counters of the existing LPG distributors are permitted, LPG refill sale ceilings of the different markets is increased from time to time.